

To whom it may concern,

I have been a satisfied subscriber of XM Radio since December 2001. I pay these annual fees because I believe the service provided by XM Radio is one that cannot be provided by AM/FM radio stations. For a small fee of \$120 I gain access to over 150 radio stations of the highest quality and of numerous varieties. Compare this to the number of radio stations available in the average American's listening area. I can only guess the number is considerably lower and I can guarantee it is of lesser quality. By preventing XM and others from bringing new options to their listeners, such as local weather and traffic reports, you prevent the consumers from receiving what we pay to receive. The numbers of listeners joining the ranks of faithful satellite radio users would not be growing at such large number if there were not already inherent problems in the current AM/FM format(i.e. excessive commercials, repetitive play lists, lack of overall musical variety). The listeners have already spoken by subscribing to these services. Please don't punish us for choosing a better alternative to standard radio listening.

Sincerely,

Layne Blackwell